

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**A METHOD FOR CONFIGURING
A NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM**

Disclosed is a method for configuring an intrusion detection system in a network which comprises determining a location in the network for a deployed intrusion detection sensor of the intrusion detection system, deploying the intrusion detection sensor in the determined location, enabling the intrusion detection sensor to monitor communication in a portion of the network, tuning the intrusion detection sensor to an appropriate level of awareness of the content in the communication in the network, prioritizing responses generated by the intrusion detection sensor to achieve an appropriate response to a detected intrusion in the network, configuring intrusion response mechanisms in the network to achieve an appropriate response by the mechanisms; and re-tuning the intrusion detection sensor in response to a prior intrusion detection.